

## Community News

**Badminton** for the kids is being held on Mondays, 3.30pm at the Waitomo Indoor Sports Stadium, King Street West, Te Kuiti (next to Pukenui School. Any enquiries feel free to contact Dede 07 878 7867 or 027 485 3692.

**Junior Rugby League** mini tournament to be held on Saturday 4 September at the Otorohanga Island Reserve. Kick off at 10.00am. Under 7's, 9's, 11's and 13 years. Contact Doug Porima on 07 873 7946.

**Pirongia Cottage Craft Fair**, annual craft day held Saturday 25 September, between 9am and 3pm, Franklin Street, Pirongia.



WINTER WARMERS

SOUP

Soup is great warmer for a cold winters. Serve with some wholegrain bread for a warm and tasty lunch or dinner. Try this yummy vegetable soup recipe:

- 1 onion chopped
- 2-3 cups chopped veg – pumpkin, kumara, carrot, parsnip etc
- 1 1/2 litres water or stock
- 1/2 cup skim milk powder
- 2 tbsp plain flour

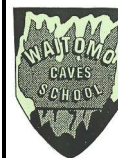
Add veg, onion, water/stock into a pot, simmer until veges are very soft. Mix flour, milk powder and a little water into a smooth paste. Add to soup and simmer until creamy.

## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

27 August	Ski Day Trip to Whakapapa Ski Field
7 September	Board meeting
8 September	Waikato Primary School Cross Country race
10 September	Next school newsletter
17 September	Milo cricket afternoon session
19 September	Variety Bash 'working bee'
21 & 23 September	Giant Joan evening performances
22 September	Giant Joan matinee sessions for schools
22 September	COP's Mathletics
24 September	End of Term 3

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# Newsletter

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term Three 2010

Week Six – 26 August

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to school Lennox Gray. Lennox joins us full time in the junior class as our newest student. Thank you to Gaye and Len Gray for your continued support.

We are sending home a newsletter earlier this week since no-one will be at school tomorrow due to the Ski Day Trip.

### Ski Trip

Please remember to arrive at school no later than **6.45am tomorrow morning**. We will need to leave on time so we can all receive our ski gear in time for ski school lessons first thing.

Parents will be distributed with groups and lists in the morning before we leave school. We will aim to all park in the same car park so we can be together.

Can I remind parents and caregivers that we will be taking the school mobile phone, 0273910746. There is no reception along certain parts of the Taumaranui road so please be patient if you are trying to contact us.



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## Cross Country Races

Congratulations to all students for their efforts at the small schools cross country race. Our children were extremely supportive of their team mates and enjoyed celebrating everyone's successes. The results are as follows:

Year 1/2 Girls: Keely 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sian 4<sup>th</sup>, Arleyah 7<sup>th</sup>, Maddison 8<sup>th</sup>, Te Rito 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Year 1/2 Boys: Elijah 1<sup>st</sup>, Thomas 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nikhil 4<sup>th</sup>, Tame 5<sup>th</sup>, Rawiri 6<sup>th</sup>, Lennox 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Year 3/4 Girls: Jessie 1<sup>st</sup>, Portia 8<sup>th</sup>. Year 3/4 Boys: Blaze 2<sup>nd</sup>, John 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Year 5/6 Girls: Tiana 4<sup>th</sup>. Year 5/6 Boys: Dallas 1<sup>st</sup>, Ratapu 2<sup>nd</sup>, Angus 3<sup>rd</sup>, Te Hurinui 5<sup>th</sup>, Tasman 7<sup>th</sup>, Cheyenne 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Year 7/8 Girls: Tai 2<sup>nd</sup>, Leah 4<sup>th</sup>, Waimarama 5<sup>th</sup>. Year 7/8 Boys: Alex 1<sup>st</sup>, Trent 2<sup>nd</sup>, Aorangi 3<sup>rd</sup>, Norton 4<sup>th</sup>, Bailey 5<sup>th</sup>. Well done everyone!



Congratulations to all the COP's cross country runners on Wednesday. We had 14 school representatives who competed extremely well and were up against the best of the best from seven other schools. Year 1/2 Girls: Sian 9<sup>th</sup>, Keely 19<sup>th</sup>. Year 1/2 Boys: Elijah 21<sup>st</sup>, Thomas 22<sup>nd</sup>, Nikhil 23<sup>rd</sup>. Year 3/4 Girls: Jessie 14<sup>th</sup>. Year 3/4 Boys: Blaze 25<sup>th</sup>. Year 5/6 Girls: Tiana 28<sup>th</sup>. Year 5/6 Boys: Angus 10<sup>th</sup>, Ratapu 26<sup>th</sup>. Year 7/8 Girls: Leah 24<sup>th</sup>. Year 7/8 Boys: Alex 2<sup>nd</sup>, Aorangi 25<sup>th</sup>, Norton 27<sup>th</sup>. Great effort!

Thank you to the many parents that helped with transporting children to the racing venue at the HTG Hut and marshals for both days. Special thanks to the chefs and food stall organisers Batch, Alannah, Dawn, Marci, Barbara and Gaye along with the much appreciated help from students too.

Thank you to Bill Johnston for letting us use the same course designed for last years race. COP's particularly requested the use of this course and we are excited to host this event in Waitomo. Thanks for being readily available when we needed you.

## Arts Programme Focus

As part of our school art programme we are working on a clay focus. Last week we visited the Waikato Ceramics Centre, Waikato Society of Potters and the Thornton Gallery. Children are beginning to experience working with clay and designing works of art. Thank you to all the parents who supported the visit to Hamilton by transporting and supervising children. Helen, Batch, Jamie, Bex, Adrian, Carol, Vickie, Julian, Anna, Gaye and Dawn. Thank you to Pete and Libby Chandler for providing a Spellbound van in need at such short notice.



## Te Reo

With Matua Paerau being no longer available as our tutor due to work commitments we are currently seeking a resourceful person to support our Te Reo and Kapa Haka classes. If you can help us in this area or know someone else who can could you please let us know.

## Board of Trustees News

### Strategic Planning

Geoff Mooar, principal appraiser, was asked by the Board of Trustees (BOT) to facilitate a community session on Strategic Planning. Thank you to Geoff and to those who were able to attend.

Every school has a Charter by which it operates. The focus of the meeting was the Strategic Plan – this is the responsibility of the BOT and is the guiding document for school management (principal and staff).

The meeting on Tuesday gathered community ideas to guide the BOT towards meaningful strategic thinking. We had meaningful discussions and there was a sense of progress towards developing a strategic plan appropriate for our school.

There will be more information regarding the meeting which will be distributed to families as soon as possible.

